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REMARKS

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1. On 9 July 1952, the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement on Berliner Strasse, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 77) was occupied by about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia and about 50 air force soldiers. No training activity and no vehicular traffic were noticed. (1)

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2. On 9 July, the SS Kaserne on Bernauer Allee, Sachsenhausen, quartered about 300 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. One SP gun and 3 JS-1 tanks. 25X1

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25X1drove into the installation. (2)

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3. On 26 and 27 June, all permanent quarters and wooden barracks of the SS Kaserne along Bernauer Allee, Sachsenhausen, were vacated. The duplex apartments on Diana Strasse, except for two messhalls, the houses on Strasse 1 except for house No 12, the headquarters building No 134, quarters Nos 131 and 133 and the cantonment in Sector A were empty. On 26 June, 15 trucks 25X1 drove out of Sector A toward Diana Strasse. Other motor vehicles seen on Diana Strasse and Sector A 25X1

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4. On 1 July, blocks Nos 7 and 8 were occupied, but blocks Nos 5 and 6 were only partly occupied, in the artillery section of the Weisse Stadt Settlement on Berliner Strasse. Motor vehicles 25X1 were identified in the billeting area. On 3 July, truck 25X1 driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, picked up construction material for Unit Kovalenko, Regiment Svogogernik at the storage area of the special construction bureau in Oranienburg. (1)

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5. On 4 July, 60 soldiers without rifles practiced in front of house No 150 in the SS Kaserne Sachsenhausen. T-34 tank 25X1 was in front of garage No 149. No training activity was noticed. On 28 and 30 June, 3 T-34 tanks and 3 SP guns were being used in cross-country driving on the tank training site adjacent to the SS Kaserne. T-34 tanks 25X1 were observed on 3 July, and T-34 tanks 25X1 SP gun 25X1 on 4 July. Thirty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia practiced rifle firing on the Lehnitz Schleuse (lock) target range. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the SS Kaserne 25X1

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7. At the beginning of July 1952, the Grabow-See sanatorium was occupied by officers and all of all branches of service who had tuberculosis. All physicians and nurses were Russians.

3. Working slips issued in block No 7 of the Weisse Stadt Settlement on Berliner Strasse at the end of June were signed by the NCOs of the individual batteries of Regiment Knochkov and bore the designations 2d, 3d, 4th and 6th Btry. Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov went to the summer camp of the artillery brigade on 30 June. He stated that Lieutenant Colonel Bochkov (fnu) was going on leave and that he was deputy commander. On 3 July, Captain Kovalenko (fnu), supply officer of the 76.2-mm AT Arty Regt Svobogernik drove to the special construction bureau in truck [redacted] Major Tukhanoff, (fnu), supply officer of the 10-mm AT artillery regiment appeared at the special construction bureau on 4 July. He stated that the element of the Regiment Knochkov stationed in the Weisse Stadt Settlement was to go to a camp and, in turn, Regiment Svobogernik would return to Oranienburg. He further stated that the regiment with 100-mm weapons would remain at the camp until the fall. Two trucks, [redacted] were seen with Tukhanoff. Source noticed that these vehicles were the same as those he had observed on 10 June. [redacted] On 8 July, eight 76.2-mm guns were in garages nos 25 and 26. (1)

9. On 2 July, Lieutenant Colonel Shuravkov (phonetic spelling), supply officer of the headquarters unit in Oranienburg Castle, ordered all construction work on garages and repair work to be discontinued temporarily as he did not know whether his unit would return to the castle. [redacted] effective 1 August 1952, Oranienburg was to be Kreisstadt (capital of a district) and the the Landrat office would be housed in the castle. (3)

10. At the beginning of July, source learned that First Engineer Starokhin of the Tech in Oberswalde cancelled all building projects for the interior section of the SS Kaserne Sachsenhausen as the interior section would presumably be vacated for the Volkspolizei. The exterior part of the installation continued to be accepted by Soviet troops. (2)

13. The enlargement work at the former Heeresbekleidungsamt and the Luftnachrichten kaserne in Bernau (N 53/2 96) had not started in early July. The special construction bureau there was still working on minor projects which would cost about 250,000 eastmarks. (4)

12. The daily routine of the motor transport unit Markin in the SS Kaserne Sachsenhausen at the end of June and the beginning of July 1952 was as follows: instruction at 7 a.m.; breakfast in building No 129 at 9 a.m.; roll call of about 200 men in front of block No 11 in zone A and subsequently physical exercise on the grounds in front of the barracks in zone B at 9:15 a.m.; driving practice with 12 trucks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] with six men in each truck at 11 a.m.; dinner in building No 129 at 3 p.m. On 2 July, all barracks in zone A were vacant except for one barrack housing 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Buildings Nos 10 and 11 in the northeastern sector of zone A were partly occupied by unit Markin. The other quarters and vehicles of the unit were in zone B. On 4 July, aiming practice was conducted with JS tank [redacted] and T-34 [redacted] in front of building No 149 which housed the tank training unit. Four other T-34 tanks stood between buildings Nos 148 and 149. One major and 3 senior lieutenant of the tank training battalion were seen in officers' billets near house No 150. At 8:30 a.m. on 2 July, about 140 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full field pack left building No 133, mounted 3 trucks, [redacted] and departed through the exit on Diana Strasse. Building No 133 was vacant after the troops had left. House No 131 contained only a guard post. [redacted] at LEG 25X1

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- 25X1 [] Comments. 25X1
- (1) The report confirms the occupation of the Weisse Stadt by a large rear unit of an AT artillery regiment of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) with Lieutenant Colonel Knockov (fnu) as regimental commander. [] Reports [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] stated that the rear details were relieved by units of the brigade stationed in Deutscher Forst north of Neustrelitz on 15 and 16 July, as also reported in paragraph 8 of the present report. [] The officers and their respective positions are known from previous reports. The numbered camp sections are keyed to a sketch previously forwarded. See Annex [] 25X1
- 25X1 (2) Compared with the last report by source of paragraph 12, it appears that the SS Kaserne and the former concentration camp are still occupied by the unidentified tank training battalion of the 25th Tank Div. elements of the unidentified motor transport battalion of the division with Lieutenant Colonel Markin (fnu), and rear details of other units of the division. [] 25X1
- (3) Lieutenant Colonel Shuravkov (fnu) is known to be supply officer of a headquarters unit, presumably of the unidentified signal battalion of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg Castle.
- 25X1 (4) [] reported in mid-June 1952 that there were plans to enlarge the former Heeresbekleidungsamt in Bernau. [] 25X1
- 25X1 (5) [] confirms the unidentified Tank Tang Bn of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg until 10 June 1952.

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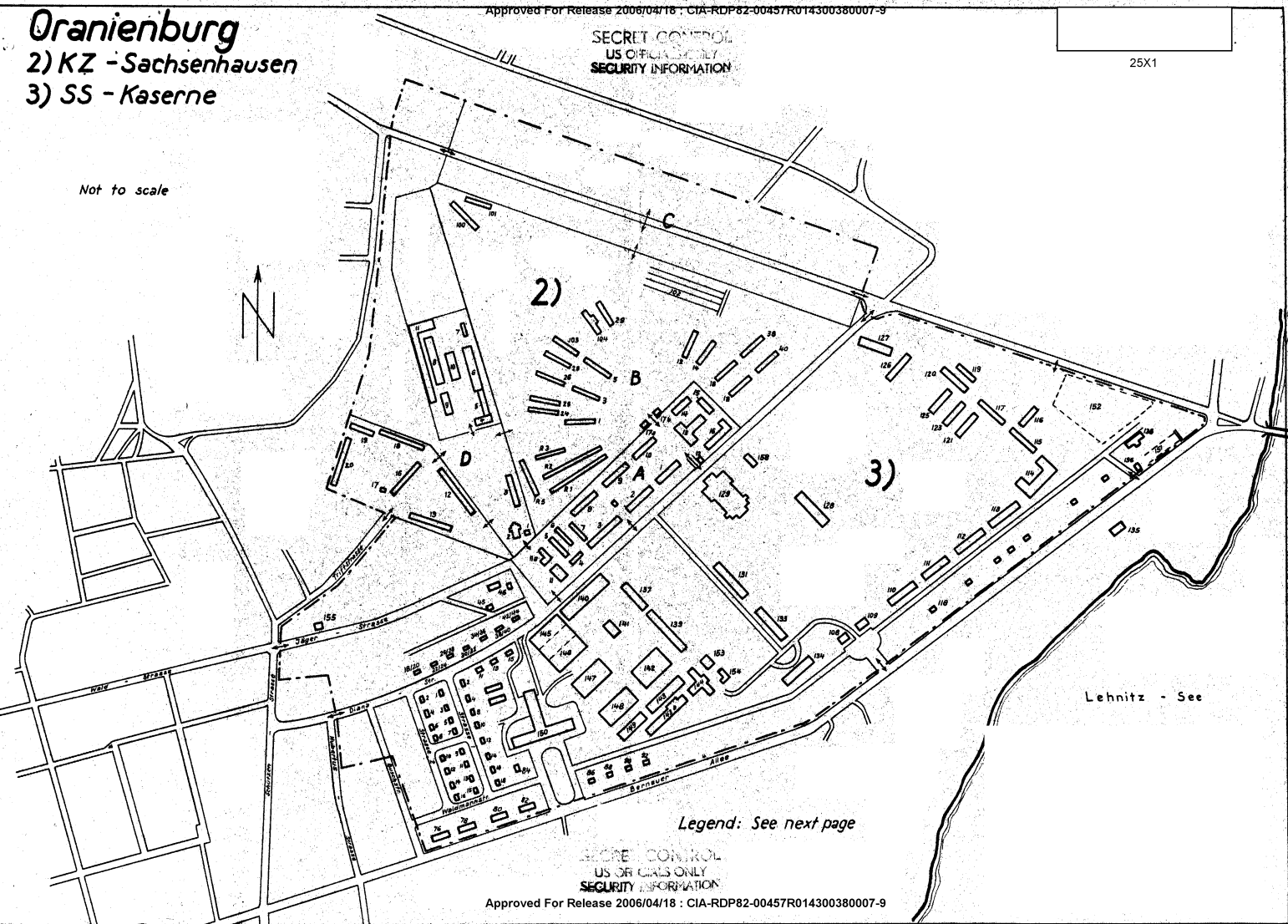
2) KZ - Sachsenhausen

3) SS - Kaserne

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2) Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

1. Zone A.

1, 2, 3	Officers' billets
4	Sheds
5, 6, 9, 10	Quarters for NCOs and attached personnel
7	Officers' baths
8	Unit Markin
11	Shed for bakery
11 a	Bakery
12	Guard house
13	Motion picture theater; billets for uniformed women
14	Orderly room
15, 16	Quarters for orderlies
17a and 17b	Guard houses

2. Inner Zone B.

R 1, 2, 3, 5	Infirmaries; R 5 with basement serving as mortuary
1,3,5,12,14,16,18,24,25,26,28,38,40	Quarters for personnel
100	Green house
101	Guard personnel for the ammunition depot
102	Three-section firing range, 200 meters long
103	Laundry
104	Kitchen for Unit Steppanishen
29	Shed for kitchen

3. Outer Zone C (Ammunition Depot)

4. Outer Zone D

1	Shed
2	Power station
3	Sawmill
4	Offices
5	Motor vehicle repair shop
6	Shops utilized as class rooms for motor vehicle and tank instruction

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6 Class rooms
 9 Club
 10, 11 Motor vehicle repair shops

Note: Buildings 4 through 11 are located in an area referred to as Industriehof.

12 Class rooms
 13 Unoccupied quarters for personnel
 16 Kitchen
 17 Heating plant with smoke stack
 18, 19, 20 Garages for motor vehicles.

3) SS Kaserne

11, 13, 15 One-family houses quartering officers
 76, 78, 80, 82, 84 Two-family houses serving as officers billets
 86, 88, 90 Occupation not clear
 92 Apartment of Lieutenant Colonel Chuk, commanding officer of the tank unit.
 19/20 Officers messhall
 22/24)
 30/32)
 26/28) Vacant
 34/36) Duplex family apartments on Diana Strasse
 36/40 Messhall for sergeants
 42/44 Guard house
 45 Officers' apartments
 46 MVD office
 108 Orderly room of Unit Chuk
 109 Guard and administrative buildings
 110, 111, 112 Tank garages
 113 Tank repair shop
 114 Club
 115, 116, 117, 119, 120 Depots
 118 Orderly room of the tank unit
 121, 123, 125 Quarters of the tank unit
 126 Clothing supply room
 127 Boiler house
 128 Air raid shelters utilized as a ration supply depot. Accessible to motor vehicles.

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129	Large kitchen
131, 133	Four-story permanent quarters for tank unit
134	Hospital
135	Waldhaus officers' club
136	Guard house
137, 139, 140	Tank repair shops
138	Bicke Villa, hospital and NKVD detention rooms
141	Underground fuel depot
142, 147, 148, 149	Garages for tanks
143	Tank repair shop and garage
143a, 144	Motion picture theater
145, 146	Tank repair shops and garages
150	Orderly room of the instruction unit of Lieutenant Vadelkov, commanding officer.
151	Firing range
152	Large underground fuel depots
153	Power station for the outer camp
154	Switch house
155	Camp transformer station on Jaegerstrasse
158	Toilets

Note: Except for house No 12 on Strasse 1, the houses on Strasse 1 and Strasse 2 are vacant.

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